



Review of New Hampshire's Abstinence Programs

Project Years 1 through 6
October 1998-September 2003

Review of NH Abstinence
Program, 1998-2003 as presented
at Nov. 13, 2003 NH Abstinence
Education Task Force Meeting



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Project Year 1: FFY 98

- Initial Abstinence Education application submitted to the federal government.
- Federal funds were accepted into the NH Department of Health and Human Services and transferred to the Department of Education.
- The Department of Education was unable to fill the position to oversee this project and which would meet the match requirement for the grant. Consequently, no funds were awarded locally this year
- At the direction of the Shaheen administration NH returned its abstinence grant to the federal government.



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Project Year 2: FFY 99

- DHHS was again awarded abstinence education funds in the amount of \$82,862.
- DHHS could not hire a qualified project coordinator, so the coordinator service was put out to bid. Concerns were raised that the time-line to submit a bid should have been longer.
- The Community Health Institute (CHI) was selected and was awarded a contract.
- The majority of funds awarded in FFY 99 were spent on staff salary at CHI to research best practices throughout the country in abstinence education programming.
- Concerns raised that communication between the DHHS and individuals interested in abstinence education could have been stronger.



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Project Years 3 & 4: FFY 00/01

- CHI viewed the Not Me, Not Now Campaign as a viable option for a media campaign.
- CHI prepared a list of criteria to use in evaluating curricula to determine if they should be used in New Hampshire's program.
- The NH DHHS Abstinence Project held a public hearing to share program plans for moving forward. A plan to utilize the Not Me, Not Now Campaign as NH's media campaign was presented. While it is the responsibility of the DHHS to approve the media campaign, at least one attendee felt there should have been greater "buy in" from abstinence advocates.



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Project Years 3 & 4: FFY 00/01

Abstinence Education Technical Advisory Committee:
comprised of students, physicians, representatives from
the Catholic Diocese, and others.

- Reviewed various curricula and rated them using the criteria presented at the public hearing.
- Selected two curricula to be used in the community grants program.
- Advisory committee has not met since...



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Project Years 5 & 6: FFY 02/03

- Media campaign was implemented
- One community grant funded

Project Year 7: FFY 04

- RFP's released to fund
 - Community grants
 - Media campaign